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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 25 and 27 and add new claims 30-38 as follows:

- Cl 25*
25. (Amended) A laryngeal mask construction, including:
- (A) a generally elliptical inflatable ring defining a distal end, the ring being adapted for sealed engagement to a laryngeal inlet of a patient;
 - (B) a backing plate defining an air inlet, the backing plate being sealed to the ring, the backing plate establishing a laryngeal-chamber side and a pharyngeal-chamber side of the construction;
 - (C) an inflatable back cushion disposed on the pharyngeal-chamber side, the back cushion when inflated contacting a pharyngeal wall of the patient and biasing the ring away from the pharyngeal wall; and
 - (D) a tubular conduit defining a distal end, the distal end of the tubular conduit being disposed near the distal end of the ring for communication with an esophageal inlet of the patient, a first portion of the conduit being adhered to a portion of the back cushion, a second